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SUBJECT: PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO GOY OF "DEEP-FURROW-73"

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EXERCISE

REF: (A) STATE 170887, SEPTEMBER 19, 1972, (B) USNATO 3843,
SEPTEMBER 21, 1972, (C) BELGRADE 4549, SEPTEMBER 21,
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1. "DEEP FURROW-73", A MEDIUM-SCALE NATO FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE SCHEDULED BY CINCSOUTH AND CONDUCTED BY COMLANSOUTHEAST, COMAIRSOUTH, COMSTRIKFORSOUTH, AND COMNAVSOUTH, IS SCHEDULED TO BE HELD FROM SEPTEMBER 20-29, 1973. EXERCISE WILL TAKE PLACE IN EASTERN (TURKISH) AND WESTERN (GREEK) THRACE AND THE NORTHERN AEGEAN SEA. FORCES FROM THE FIVE NATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN COMMAND (GREECE, ITALY, TURKEY, UK, AND US) WILL PARTICIPATE.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY REGARDING NOTIFICATION TO GOY OF NATO EXERCISES OUTLINED IN REFTELS, EMBASSY ATHENS SHOULD CONSULT WITH GOG (AS ONE OF GOVERNMENTS HOSTING EXERCISE) TO DETERMINE WHETHER GOG HAS INFORMED OR INTENDS TO GIVE PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF EXERCISE TO GOY. IF GOG DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PLAN TO NOTIFY GOY AND CANNOT BE PERSUADED TO DO SO, EMBASSY ATHENS SHOULD INFORM GOG THAT USG INTENDS TO NOTIFY GOY IN FOLLOWING MANNER: EMBASSY BELGRADE WILL GIVE GOY A COPY OF THE PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCING

"DEEP FURROW-73" TWENTY-FOUR HOURS BEFORE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXERCISE AND IN ANY EVENT NO LATER THAN SEVENTY-TWO HOURS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED COMMENCEMENT OF THE EXERCISE.

3. FYI: BULGARIANS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE GIVEN ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF THE EXERCISE. END FYI. ROGERS

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